THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Central Government is partnership with the State Governments is implementing the scheme of "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)" with the aid to provide useful and relevant elementary education for all children in the 6 to 14 age group by 2010. The State of Uttaranchal is implementing SSA in all its 13 districts. For the year 2005-06, Rs.100.04 crore has been sanctioned by Government of India as Central share to the State of Uttaranchal for SSA.

SSA in mid-term review

†776. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the mid-term review of Tenth Five Year Plan, it has been stated that the usage of provided resources by some States of the country provided under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is a problem;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such States are lacking in achieving the prescribed target under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(c) if so, names of such States and the basic problems being faced by such States in using the resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan by the Planning Commission indicated that some of the major States like Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar and Jharkhand were experiencing a problem of resource absorption under SSA. However due to concerted efforts by the Governments and intensive monitoring and capacity building initiatives of the Central Government, the position of utilization of funds has improved. During the year 2005-06 the utilization of available funds upto December, 2005 by Uttar Pradesh, is (74%), Punjab (55%), West Bengal (65%), Orissa (57%) and Jharkhand (74%), which can be considered satisfactory. The pace of implementation and utilization of funds in Bihar

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

is at 43% as the pace of implementation was affected due to the model code of conduct for two State Assembly elections in Bihar in 2005-06.

Right to education

777. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has expressed divergent views on the proposed Right to Education Bill, especially on the financial implication in regard to implementation of elementary education programmes;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has projected the outlay for implementing the Bill at Rs. 53,532 crores every year in view of the State Government pay-scale for teachers and student-teacher ratio of 40:1; and

(c) whether Government are considering to re-draft the Bill if so, by what time the new draft Bill be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) On the basis of the report of the Committee set up by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) to suggest a draft of the Legislation envisaged under Aricle 21-A of the Constitution, a complete version of the draft "Right to Education Bill" was prepared and sent to all State Governments and UTs for comments.

Report of the CABE Committee included an estimation of financial implications of its recommendations worked out by the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA). The average annual cost in the scenario of PTR=40:1 and teacher salary as per State level salary was estimated to be Rs. 53,532.7 crores.

In the meanwhile, the Prime Minister also constituted a small group comprising Minister of Human Resource Development, Finance Minister, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chairman of the PM's Economic Advisory Council to examine, *inter alia*, the legal, constitutional and financial implications of the Bill.